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January 28, 2020

Keith Sims

Chapin, SC

Dear Keith Sims,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



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Letter of Protest

Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Date: * 28 Jan 2020

Protestant Information:

Name *

Keith L. Sims

Mailing Address

City, State Zip *

Chapin

SC

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E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Blue Granite Water Customer (Utilities, Inc) as of July 2016

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Water prices too high compared to other providers: In summer of 2016 we moved less than a mile down the road to a new property. Old address was serviced by City of Columbia, new address service thru Blue Granite Water. Water bill at old address was routinely \$20-\$25/month (with a 48,000 gal pool and 4 occupants). Water bill at new address is \$85-\$100/month (no pool and 3 occupants). That's roughly a 268% increase for the SAME water. This is current pricing. Now Blue Granite Water is asking for another increase up to 55%. Unacceptable!

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony?

Yes

Signature Required:

Latimer, Becky

From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 1:43 PM
To: _____
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Katerina Mitchell,

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Protestant Information:

Name * **Katerina Mitchell**

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip * **Lake Wylie, SC**

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a resident in the Cypress Point community and a Blue Granite Water Company customer.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

The rates are already well above average for this area. My water consumption charges average \$30-35, while my wastewater charges average \$65-70. This brings my total bill to about \$105 monthly. This is almost triple what I paid in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Water for the same size family. How is wastewater charged at a double rate? What is the need for yet another rate increase? All of the reasons provided in their request are ambiguous.

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If necessary I can be called on for testimony.

Signature Required: Katerina Mitchell

Latimer, Becky

From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 1:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Irvin Mitchell,

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Becky Latimer



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Letter of Protest

Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Date: * 28 Jan 2020

Protestant Information:

Name *

Irvin K. Mitchell

Mailing Address *

City, State Zip *

Lake Wylie

SC

E-mail

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I can offer testimony however due to work commitments, my attendance is to be determined.

Signature Required:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Irvin K. Mitchell", written over a horizontal line.